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**Governor Baker Nominates Associate Justice Mark V. Green as Appeals Court Chief Justice**

**BOSTON**— Governor Charlie Baker today announced the nomination of Mark V. Green to serve as Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Appeals Court, where he has served as an Associate Justice since 2001. Green is nominated to fill the vacancy created by former Chief Justice Scott Kafker's confirmation to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court [in July](#).

"I have been honored to nominate thirteen Associate Justices to the Appeals Court and am confident Justice Mark Green's demonstrated commitment through thoughtful, well-reasoned appellate decisions and extensive committee work, will allow him to efficiently lead this court," **said Governor Baker**. "Justice Green has proven throughout his impressive thirty-five year career that he will treat all those before him in the courts fairly and impartially, and will continue to do so as Chief Justice with the Governor's Council advice and consent."

"In addition to being an excellent jurist, Justice Green has the management skills and administrative abilities essential to the position of Chief Justice," **said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito**. "I am confident, if confirmed, his unwavering dedication to the Appeals Court will serve our Commonwealth well."

"I am honored and humbled by the trust and confidence the Governor and Lieutenant Governor have placed in me with this nomination," **said Associate Justice Mark Green**. "This is an exciting time for the Court, as we assimilate the terrific new judges the Baker-Polito Administration has appointed in the past two years, and as we continue to use new technologies to improve the quality and efficiency of our work. If

confirmed by the Governor's Council, I will do my very best every day to help the court carry out its mission of delivering timely justice to the citizens of the Commonwealth.”

The Massachusetts Appeals Court is a court of general appellate jurisdiction. The justices review decisions that trial judges from the several Departments of the Trial Court have already made in many different kinds of cases. The Appeals Court also has jurisdiction over appeals from final decisions of three State agencies: the Appellate Tax Board, the Industrial Accident Board and the Commonwealth Employment Relations Board. The Appeals Court has twenty-five statutory justices, including the chief justice. The Massachusetts Appeals Court mission is a commitment to: doing justice under the law by rendering thoughtful, well-reasoned appellate decisions in a timely and efficient manner, treating all those who come before the court fairly and impartially.

For more information about the Appeals Court, please visit:

<http://www.mass.gov/courts/court-info/appealscourt/>

Judicial nominations are subject to the advice and consent of the Governor’s Council. Applicants for judicial openings are reviewed by the Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) and recommended to the governor. Governor Baker established the JNC in February, 2015 pursuant to Executive Order 558, a non-partisan, non-political Commission composed of volunteers from a cross-section of the Commonwealth's diverse population to screen judicial applications. Twenty-one members were later appointed to the JNC in April, 2015.

#### **About Associate Justice Mark Green:**

Mark V. Green currently serves as an Associate Justice on the Massachusetts Appeals Court, where he has chaired the Appellate Courts IT Committee since 2012 and worked to improve efficiency and reduce delays in the preparation of trial transcripts as chair of the SJC Study Committee on Trial Transcripts. He began his career as a real estate lawyer with the Boston firms Herrick & Smith and Goulston & Storrs before working in-house for four different banking institutions. He was appointed as an Associate Justice of the Land Court in 1997 by Governor William Weld, before his appointment to the Appeals Court by Governor Jane Swift in 2001. After graduating with distinction from Cornell University in 1978, he received his *Juris Doctorate, cum laude*, from Harvard Law School in 1982. His wife, Karen Green, serves as an Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court. Mark and Karen reside in Brookline and have two sons, one who teaches at the Keith Middle School in New Bedford and another who is a Lieutenant in the United States Navy.

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